

Permit File



**STATE OF ALABAMA  
SURFACE MINING COMMISSION**

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Permit Revision Number: R-6

**REVISION TO PERMIT FOR  
SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS**

Pursuant to the Alabama Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, Act No. 81-435, and duly promulgated rules of the Commission, revision is hereby approved for permit:

P- 3966-63-23-S  
Southland Resources, Inc.  
P.O. Box 770  
Cottondale, Al 35453  
(Searles Mine No. 8)

License No.:	L-652
Pursuant to the	
Permit map:	1 of 1
Certified by:	Bradley K. Simmons P.E. #33277
Date:	01/27/2021

**The permit is revised as follows:**

1. Add 3.0 incidental acres to Increment No. 1 for highwall reclamation.
2. Add 5.0 acres to Increment No. 1 for ancillary road, dewatering wells & pipeline.
3. Modify the Operation Plan & General Plan to include the addition of Slurry Cells, Prep Plant & Slurry Injection.
4. Add Course Refuse Disposal Area No. 1 to Increment No. 1 (no acreage change).
5. Address highwall bond reduction.

R-6 Finding 1: The Regulatory Authority has taken into account the effect of the proposed permitting action on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. By a letter dated November 25, 2020 the State Historical Preservation Office Re: AHC 21-0129, upon review of the referenced project, AHC has determined that the project activities will have no effect on any cultural resources eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places and therefore concur with the project activities. This finding is supported in part by inclusion of appropriate permit conditions or changes in the operation plan protecting historic resources, or a documented decision that the Regulatory Authority has determined that no additional protection measures are necessary. Concerns for unknown resources, which might be discovered during mining, have been made conditions of the permit.

R-6 Finding 2: In a letter dated November 17, 2020 the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) states the closest sensitive species as occurring approximately 5.5 miles from the subject site. By comments dated December 8, 2020 the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) stated, no federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. In a letter dated, January 12, 2021 the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) authorized the activities by Department of the Army Project Number: SAM-2015-00997-CMS, the USACE determined the new mine area consists of non-jurisdictional dry land or upland areas that do not contain Federally-regulated wetlands or other waters of the United States (U.S.). The Alabama Surface Mining Commission finds that the proposed operation will not jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or critical habitat thereof.

R-6 Permit Condition 1: Prior to disposal of coarse refuse material, a detailed design plan of Coarse Refuse Disposal Area No. 1 must be submitted to and approved by the ASMC.

R-6 Permit Condition 2: Prior to underground injection of slurry in the old mine works, a copy of the ADEM UIC Permit must be submitted to and accepted by the ASMC.

**ACREAGE SUMMARY:**

*INCREMENT #1: increases to _____	138 acres
*INCREMENT #2: remains at _____	24 acres
INCREMENT #3: remains at _____	48 acres
*INCREMENT #6: remains at _____	46 acres

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Total Acreage Increases to	256 Acres
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**\*BONDED TO DATE**

All other terms and conditions remain in effect as well as all Findings in the original permit and any Findings appropriate for this revision.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2021**

  
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Kathy H. Love, Director

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cc: I & E, Permit File